

# Questioning Guide for Narrative Text

## **Making Connections**

- Does this book remind you of another book you have read?
- What does the story title remind you of?
- What do you predict will happen in this story?

## **Story Structure**

### *Characters*

- Who is the most interesting character? Why?
- Who is the most important character? Why?
- Who is the bravest character? Why?
- What other fictional character could be in the story?
- What did you learn from one character in the story?
- How does one of the characters change? Why did the character change?
- How did the characters feel about one another?
- What are some of the choices that the characters had?
- Name a character who played a small role in the story. Why is this character important in the story?
- Provide an example of how a character's action affected another character in the story.

### *Setting*

- When and where does the story take place?
- Is the setting important to the story? Why?
- How would the story change if it happened in a different time and place?
- How did the author describe the setting?
- How much time passes in the story?

### *Plot*

- What is the problem in the story? How was it solved?
- What actions were taken to solve the problem?
- What challenges were presented, and how were they dealt with?
- Were you able to successfully predict the end of the story?
- What are the important parts of the story?
- What was the most important part of the story?
- What three or four sentences best summarize the story?
- If you were the author, how would you have ended the story? Why?
- How did the story end?

### *Summary*

- In what order did the events take place?
- Do you think that the title is appropriate for the story?
- Who tells the story?
- Whose point of view is presented?
- How would the story change if it were told from another character's point of view?
- What is the story really about?
- Do you have any unanswered questions about the story?
- What lessons does this story tell you about?

# Questioning Guide for Informational Text

## Preview

### *Text Structure*

- How is the information organized?
- What does the title tell you about the text?
- How do the headings and subheadings help you find information in the text?
- What information is provided in the illustrations, graphs, diagrams, and so forth?
- Does the text contain reference aids such as a table of contents, index, or glossary?
- Are captions given to explain illustrations, graphs, diagrams, and so forth?

### *Text Summary*

- What are the ways the author shares information on the topic?
- What are the major ideas presented in the text?
- What did you learn about the topic?
- What are some important words related to the topic? What do they mean?
- Are different viewpoints presented on the topic?
- What does this text make you want to learn more about?
- Why is this topic important?

### *Text Connections*

- Does the author present facts or opinions?
- Is the information easy to find?
- Are the illustrations authentic?
- What are the different ways the author presents information on this topic?
- What do you already know about this topic?
- Have you read another book about this topic?
- What have you experienced in your life that might help you understand the topic?